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1. The Border Guard Komandatura at Slashten (N 41-29, E 24-02), Nevrokop Okoliya, includes the following zastavas located in villages east of Nevrokop:
 - a. Godeshevo;
 - b. Tukovishta (N 41-30, E 24-03);
 - c. Beslen (N 41-28, E 23-58);
 - d. Brushten (N 41-34, E 24-06); and
 - e. Tepen (N 41-29, E 23-56).
2. The Slashten komandatura, subordinate to the Dospat (N 41-39, E 24-08), Devin Okoliya, Otryad, is located in the southeastern section of the village in a 3-story, rectangular, brick building, approximately 25 x 10 meters in size. The construction of this building was completed in the summer of 1952. A wooden observation tower is located approximately six meters to the east of the 3-story building, about two kilometers from the Bulgarian border. The observation tower area is not fenced in or protected by a bunker. A small building has been erected approximately 50 meters from the komandatura building and is used by officers and their families.
3. The Slashten komandatura is composed of about 80 men from the 1930 to 1932 classes, and four lieutenants. About 30 of the soldiers are armed with Soviet rifles, a few have revolvers, and the remainder are armed with Soviet machine guns with drum magazines. Every soldier carries a hand grenade with a hand grip. The area covered by the Slashten komandatura is approximately five kilometers in size and borders on the Beslen and the Tukovishta zastavas. There is no curfew in Slashten since the village is about two kilometers from the border. Also, there are no sasadas (ambushes; check-points) on the roads and paths leading to the village.

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4. The zastava at Godeshevo is located approximately 500 meters southeast of the village, approximately one kilometer from the border. This zastava, strength about 60 men from the 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes, is commanded by Lieutenant Vichev (fnu), 30, tall, obese, black hair, black eyes, small black mustache, and fair complexion. Lieutenant Vichev is assisted by a second lieutenant. The men of this zastava are armed with Soviet DP light machine guns, except for 15 men who are armed with rifles. Men on guard duty are also armed with TT M-1933 pistols. Troops of this zastava are on guard duty from 6:00 a.m. to noon and from noon to sunset. Two groups of two men each guard the border during these periods. The first group guards an area of about one kilometer between the old first (N 41-28, E 24-02) and second (N 41-29, E 24-05) border posts, and the second group guards the area between the old second and third (N 41-30, E 24-05) border posts.
5. The border area guarded by the Godeshevo zastava is not patrolled at night; however, six or seven zasadas of two men each are set up on all paths and roads near the village. A 2-man guard also circulates in Godeshevo from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This patrol is handled by two shifts of five hours each. These men arrest anyone found violating curfew provisions. The Godeshevo zastava is protected by a row of trenches which surround it on a 50-meter radius. The trenches are connected to an earthen bunker located approximately 80 meters northwest of the zastava. The sides of the bunker are reinforced with beams and have two openings, one toward the zastava, and one toward the village.
6. The zastava at Tukovishta is located approximately 60 meters east of the village and one kilometer from the border. This building was completed during 1951. An observation tower is located approximately 20 meters east of the building. The tower is about 25 meters high and terminates in a small platform on which there is no shelter. The Tukovishta zastava, strength about 40 men from the 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes, is commanded by a first and a second lieutenant. About 10 of the enlisted men are equipped with rifles, and revolvers when on guard duty. The remainder of the men are equipped with DP light machine guns. All troops carry a hand grenade.
7. The Tukovishta zastava is responsible for a border area of about two kilometers between the old third and fourth (N 41-32, E 24-05) border posts. This area is patrolled during the day and four or five zasadas are placed around the village at night. Two guards patrol Tukovishta at night to enforce the curfew.
8. The zastava at Beslen is located approximately 500 meters east of the village and 600 meters from the border, in a 1-story, rectangular, brick building, approximately 12 x 7 meters in size. This building was constructed in 1948. An observation tower is located approximately 200 meters from the zastava building.
9. The Beslen zastava, strength approximately 30 men from the 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes, is equipped with 10 Soviet rifles, some revolvers, and several Soviet DP light machine guns. Each man in the zastava is also equipped with a hand grenade. The border area guarded by the Beslen zastava is about two kilometers long and is located between the area covered by the Slashten komandatura and the Teplen zastava. There are no guards on duty at night and there is no curfew in the village. No zasadas are set up around Beslen.
10. The Brushten zastava is located approximately two kilometers east of the village and about 500 meters from the border. The zastava occupies a brick building, completed in 1949, which is rectangular and about 25 x 15 meters in size. The roof of the building is of red tiles. The Brushten zastava, strength about 60 men, is commanded by a second lieutenant. About 20 of the men are equipped with Soviet rifles, and some have revolvers. All the others are equipped with Soviet DP light machine guns. The curfew is enforced at Brushten and two or three zasadas are placed around the village at night.

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